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2. Two (2) pages of Form PTO-1449 citing fifteen (15) documents; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

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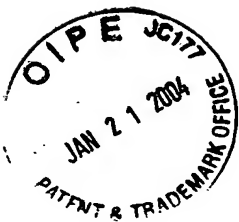
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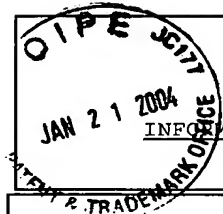
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